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COVER PICTURE

A mass baptismal service in Indonesia where at least four teams are officiating at the same time. Brother Dalraith N. Walker is at the left.



Typical Timorese Houses in Indonesia

Coming Next Week
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Headquarters in Haiti

By WAYNE HEIL

The headquarters and Bible School of the Church of God in Haiti is situated two and one-half miles from the seashore in the upper city limits of the capital city, Port-au-Prince, and is about 1,000 feet in elevation. Overlooking the city of a quarter of a million people, one can see the splendor of mountain ranges on both sides of beautiful Port-au-Prince Bay. The plains, where sugar cane can be seen in the same panorama, are on the right. Here, on seventeen acres of hilly land, is located the project of much planning and labor.

Gratitude has been expressed by all who have had a chance to look upon the construction of these buildings. The outcome has been the result of the far-sighted vision of the Church of God Missions Board who began planning for these buildings in 1952.

Land was acquired by Brother James Beaty in 1953. In 1954, Brother Wayne Heil began to calculate costs of materials and labor and submitted the same for Board approval. In May 1954, the road was cut and things began to look a little different. By September, the light line had been installed.

Let no one say that it is easy to get something done in a foreign country. It took nearly six months to get the right of passage for the road. It took four months after the money was paid for the electric line system before the work was finally accomplished. It took less time to get the water in than it did to get the above mentioned items. Fortunately, we were able to buy right of passage to cross another's property to get water to our property. This made the line some 1,000 feet shorter than the first estimate of 3,000 feet to arrive at the top reservoir. All this work on the water line was done in due time and without electricity to pump from the reservoir which was placed at a level where gravity flow would fill the small one, no water could be pumped to the main reservoir with which to begin construction of concrete foundations.

During the process of all this waiting, we were fortunate to make the acquaintance of a person in the government who held the position of Minister of State. With aid from Brother Lacombe, pastor of the local church, I was able to form an intimate acquaintance with the official. The Minister of State was responsible for getting all the other ministers of the other departments of government to grant their approval for government franchise. This meant that I could order materials directly from producers and suppliers, and thereby not be compelled to pay the margin of the retailer. The franchise permitted us to procure these items without paying the government duty imposed on all imports.

Haiti, being a small country which manufactures practically nothing of its own, is compelled to import almost all of its necessary items. Consequently, the duty imposed on imports is a good source of its revenue. I felt definitely that the Lord was aiding us when things

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CHURCH OF GOD HEADQUARTERS

IN

HAITI



Dining Hall and Kitchen



Inside of Chapel



Overseer's House



Educational Director's House



Secretary's House



Dormitory

Left—Chapel

Center—School Classrooms

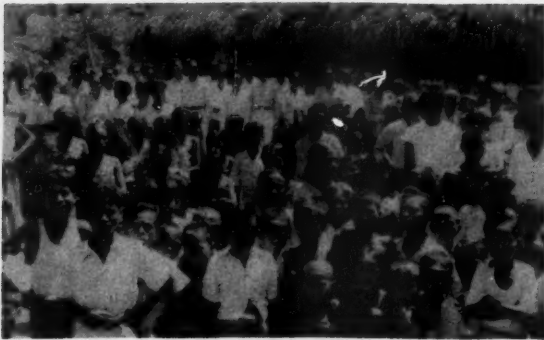
Left—Office and Administration Building.

Background—Secretary's House

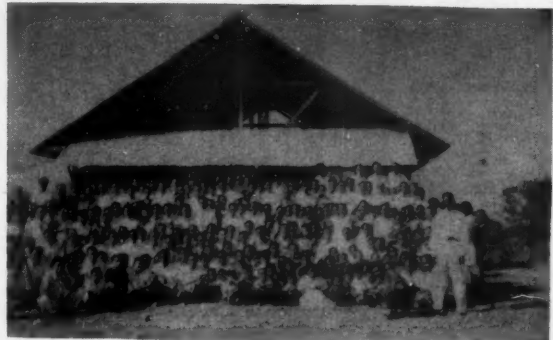


INDONESIA

Brother Dalraith N. Walker writes that they have organized 154 churches and taken 18,000 members into the Church of God in Indonesia. Dal has baptized hundreds of converts. Many have been filled with the Holy Ghost, and there have been several miraculous healings. "Behold what God hath wrought."



1. Dal preaches on the dry Island of Savu to eager hungry multitudes.



2. A group of Church of God people on the Island of Timor in the town of Kupang. Seventy-seven were saved, five received the baptism and numbers were healed.



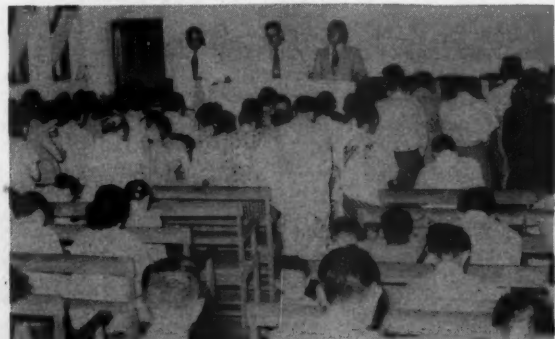
3. Dal prays for the sick at Makassar.



4. Dal and Brother Kho Sien baptizing a man in the new church at Tasikmalaja.



5. Dal praying for the sick. Pastor of this Petamburan Church has his hands raised. He is desirous of joining the Church of God.



6. The people standing around the altar have come forward for salvation.

7th Youth Conference in Guatemala

By FRANCES McCALL, Missionary



IT SEEMED AS if everyone was happy and working. Why? Because it was time for the annual Youth Conference and Quezaltenango, Guatemala, was chosen as the place for this year. Why did that make it an extra special affair? The reason was that the new church building in Quezaltenango was to be used.

Preparations for the convention began about two weeks ahead of time. Christians from many of the neighboring Churches of God donated work in order to get the church ready. Soon the long awaited day arrived. What a feeling of happy expectancy! Already the native Christians were coming from all directions. The church, parsonage, streets, the native kitchen and places where the people were to sleep were beginning to fill up. Soon many of the guest speakers began to arrive including Brother V. D. Hargrave, Superintendent of Latin America; Brother J. H. Walker, Jr., Assistant Superintendent; Brother Bonilla Youth Director of Mexico and Central America; Brother O'Neil McCullough, President of the Bible School in Santa Tecla, El Salvador; and Brother Gabino Castillo, who is a teacher in the Bible School, and others.

The first service of the convention was very special for it was the dedication service for the new church in Quezaltenango. Brother Vessie D. Hargrave gave a very inspirational dedication message and called for a minute's silence in honor of our precious departed missionary, Brother Charles Truman Furman who worked faithfully here for about 35 years and, finally, about eight years ago gave his life for the gospel in this very city.

The next morning, as in every morning of the convention, songs, prayers and praises to the Lord could be heard coming from the six o'clock prayer meeting. During the four services a day, there were messages of inspiration, consecration, instruction, and evangelism. There were reports from the different youth districts with banners being awarded to the best Sunday Schools and Y.P.E.'s in three different grades based on mem-

bership. Also, there was a workshop for pastors, youth directors and interested prospective leaders of the Youth Department, given by Brother Antonio Bonilla. This was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all.

The "Model Sunday School" put on under the direction of Guatemala's largest Sunday School—Totoncipan, was a wonder to behold. There were eleven classes in every available corner and the teaching staff of Totoncipan took over to show the smaller churches how they, too, could have a wonderful Sunday School. There were 892 persons on the record for that day. A missionary march was also demonstrated after which a picture of the crowd was taken.

The church was packed in every regular service and many came who could not even enter. At times there were 1,000 people. The singing and praises to God could be heard from the early morning prayer meetings until late at night. Soon people started coming to the Lord and before the convention ended, 53 persons, from many parts of the Republic, found God—14 were reconciled and 39 accepted the Lord for the first time.

AN UNUSUAL THING about these conventions is that food is served free of charge to all the people and is paid for by offerings taken in the conventions and by money brought in by the various churches. The kitchen consisted of two big tents with as many as eleven open wood fires burning at once, sometimes. The natives would line up to get their little bowls of "caldo" (soup), tamales and coffee. It was a sight to behold.

When Monday came, little by little, the visitors who had come from near and far, departed; thus, a feeling of sadness crept in. Yet, we praised God for His blessings. That very night a revival began which lasted two weeks with 47 more souls accepting Jesus Christ. That made exactly 100 persons that had been saved in the new church in less than two and one-half weeks. Glory to God!

We will try by God's help, to see that the spark which began in the new church during the wonderful Seventh Youth Conference will be kept burning.

+ + + *A Trip to Faraway Places* + + +

By Wade H. Horton, Field Representative

WELL HERE I GO again on another round the world trip. The big Pan American Clipper *Queen of the Pacific* is roaring like a large lion in distress as it struggles to get enough speed to free itself from the runway of the International Airport in San Francisco. As usual, the great metal sky-bird has conquered the law of gravitation and is now gaining altitude, giving a good view of the city, the suburbs and finally the vast expanse of the blue Pacific. The roar has calmed down and changed into a sound like a purring kitten on a still night, as this powerful plane settles to a quiet and steady run on its ten-hour flight to Hawaii.

When the tenseness has disappeared and relaxation comes, my mind becomes a battle ground, and thoughts, as soldiers, parade back and forth presenting both pleasure and problems. It's a delightful thought to know that I'm being sent by my Church, as an ambassador of good will to approximately 12 mission fields, and that I'll soon be rubbing shoulders and worshipping with the peoples of these countries. I have already visited some of them on a previous trip. Others will be entirely new; but, whether new or old, all are essentially the same. I have found in every place I have been that there is a deep yearning in the hearts of the people for spiritual things. It has been a pleasurable and thrilling task all these years to serve the One who died for me and to respond to the call of the Church I love.

When one loves God and all His Word and ways and is completely sold on His Church, its doctrines and its program, the task is no longer burdensome but is a joyous one. However, in the midst of the pleasures there are some problems: problems of language, of getting and renewing visas, transportation, adjusting to new and strange foods, understanding the national's viewpoint, organizational ingenuity as to how to effect organization without Americanization, and many others that will fly around my head as thick as bees around a beehive during the next four and one-half months.

Oh yes, a big problem has already popped up for the "fasten your seat belt" sign has just flashed on and the pleasant voice of the stewardess can be heard throughout the plane, calmly repeating, "fasten your seat belt, please, fasten your seat belt, please." The plane twists, turns and drops like a bucking bronco as it labors to push its way through the rough atmospheric condition. All who have had the experience well know that this is not pleasure but a problem—yes, a real problem. While I am absolutely sure my Heavenly Father is watching over us, mental pictures continue to march through my mind to tantalize me: pictures of falling into the Pacific, of being swallowed by a whale or being torn to shreds by vicious sharks that are to be found in some of these waters. It is too rough to write now, so I will have to continue this article when better conditions are available.

Since the last sentence was written, we have passed through the bad weather, a good meal has been eaten

and all is peaceful on board again as we near the beautiful city of Honolulu. Upon approaching this famous city, the lights of it cast beautiful streaks of gold across the horizon that seem to be hands of welcome extended to all who are in reach. As we fly over the city, the lights separate from each other and, in their glistening and gleaming way, seem to dance with glee because we have decided to stop for a visit. They look like big golden raindrops moved about by the gentle breeze of morning as the first rays of sunshine cast their light upon them. It is indeed a lovely sight to behold. When the plane lands and we go into the airport, my winter suit and topcoat look out of place surrounded by the light and colorful clothes of the Hawaiians. The weather is quite a contrast to snow we encountered at Chicago and the many hundreds of miles of white ground we flew over en route to San Francisco.

HAWAII WITH ALL its modern means of transportation, beautiful buildings, and, in fact, most of the conveniences of the United States is still a needy mission field. It is **heathenism in a new dress**. With all the up-to-date facilities it is still (to a great extent) steeped in ancestral and heathenistic worship. These false concepts of spiritual things have become so deeply embedded and entrenched into the minds and systems of its people that a barrier has been built which is very hard to penetrate. The Church of God has not made great strides in these islands; but, by the steady, faithful work of the ministers and members, we have made some substantial progress over the years. Our membership is not great as to quantity but is good in quality, and the gains that are being made are gains that are tangible. They are gains that you can put your finger on, not gains that are mythical and only in the mind and are gone with the wind at inspection time. The Honolulu Church is doing fine under the able leadership of Brother L. R. Carey, who is pastor and also overseer of the islands. In the short time Brother and Sister Carey have served here they have won a precious place in the hearts of the people. They have chosen missionary work as a life-time job and declare they are not homesick but are very happy in their work. We were in four services at the Honolulu Church. Revival broke out on the first night. One lady received the Holy Ghost. On Sunday morning, one was saved and one received the Holy Ghost, and 10 professed salvation in the two following services.

We flew to Hilo, Hawaii, for a one-night service and had a wonderful meeting in their new church. No one was saved, but several testified to definite healings when we prayed for the sick at the close of the meeting. Brother Kenneth Nakashima is pastor here, while the Heltons are on furlough, and is doing a splendid job. The dedication service at Lohaini was a real success. Brother O'Bannon, along with his faithful companion, was walking on air in his happiness over a job well done. For he, Brother Carey and others had worked

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— ITEMS OF INTEREST —

RAJAMMAH

The mission film "Rajammah" which revolves around the young lady who was steeped in Hinduism is proving to be an abounding success. In a recent letter from Brother Pospisil he states that the young lady herself is a success. "Rajammah has teamed up with a girl called Mary Sebastian and they are conducting meetings mostly among the Tamil speaking people. After the school term they did gospel work at Mickramasingapuram, Nakkanneri, Mongudy, Pattakulam, Srivilliputtur and were present at the Maduria convention. After this they went to the Peermade area, which is about one-half Tamil and one-half Malayalam in population, where Rajammah's home is located. Here they began to work among the neighboring churches and were kept very busy. They have a good testimony and the Lord is blessing their ministry, especially among the women.

"The women in India are raising some money by means of sales and so forth to keep Rajammah and Mary on the field. They also sponsor two other young girls who attend Bible School but do gospel work at different intervals among the Malayalam people."

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A TRIP TO FARAWAY PLACES

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almost day and night to get the new building ready for this special service. Ministers and members of several denominations, including approximately twelve Buddhists, which is most unusual, came to the service. Brother and Sister O'Bannon have gained a tremendous influence on this island; and it looks like the Church is headed for even greater success.

Our Japanese mission in Honolulu is doing fine under the leadership of Brother and Sister Charles Nakashima. Another mission is to be opened soon on Maui Island. There seems to be a real unity of purpose among the Hawaiian workers, which is a prerequisite to power and Pentecostal progress. If this continues it will result in revival fire fanned to heavenly heat by the Holy Ghost, spreading throughout all these islands and many of the unsaved being swept into the Kingdom of God. God grant that not only here but all over the world real Holy Ghost revivals will break out; the kind that will warm cold hearts, revitalize formal worship, will put the preach into preachers, will sweep away devil-inspired doubt in the miraculous and will replace it with fire-hot Bible faith in the power of Pentecost.

LITERATURE FOR THE LOST

By Ray H. Hughes

National Sunday School and Youth Director

It is a sincere conviction of those of us who are connected with the Sunday School and Youth Department of the Church of God that the young people should play a more active role in the program of world evangelization. Realizing the fact that many sects and cults are disseminating their doctrines and teachings through the printed page and propagating their cause through this method, the National Sunday School and Youth Department has instituted a program entitled, "Literature for the Lost" to counteract these diabolical influences.

Those who foster the cause of Communism realize that their program can be disseminated best through the printed page. One only has to visit some of the foreign countries where they have Communistic infiltration to see the fervor with which men work to distribute this literature. A flesh and blood war cannot stamp out Communism because it is not a physical force. Communism is a diabolical spiritual force that must be combated by spiritual truths and the transformation of the thinking of the people. A Communist can be subdued by force, but his philosophy of life remains the same.

The program, "Literature for the Lost," is designed to set up printing presses in every foreign country possible in order to print, in the language of the people, our official organ, *The Church of God Evangel*, *The Lighted Pathway*, Sunday School literature, and tracts. In those countries where it is impossible to establish a printing press, we are striving to send literature, in the language of the people, from the United States.

Many mammoth programs have only a small beginning. Though this program is in the infant stage, God has worked mightily in the promotion of the same. Since the inception of this program a few months ago, a printing press has been established in Germany. Another printing press has been established in South Africa, and fifty-six thousand pieces of Afrikaans Sunday School literature have been distributed in that area. The field of Colombia is now being opened and one thousand dollars worth of literature is being sent to this Catholic-dominated country.

The Riverside Church of God in Atlanta, Georgia, is providing means for a printing press in India. As soon as the Colombia project is finished, it is our desire to concentrate on India.

There is no better way to help us carry the gospel to the unreached millions than through this program of "Literature for the Lost." Send your contributions to:

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MISSIONARIES

HELPING IN THE HARVEST

We have pictured here some more of the Church of God missionaries who have dedicated their lives, unconditionally to the cause of carrying the Gospel to the lost in the remote sections of the world.

These are only a few of those who are being supported by the Church of God in America. They have given up various and sundry positions that would mean much more to them in dollars and cents, but the dividends paid for the sacrifice in the service they render, will be meted out when the saints come marching in.

Today is the harvest time in the world-wide missions, in a greater sense than at any other time. Just think of it, the returns for a single day eclipse those of a whole year in past generations. If only the ranks of the reapers of the Church of God missionary could be doubled or tripled at once, with the strength of the whole church behind them, the accomplishments and results would be beyond anything that we could ever estimate on the basis of present reckoning.

I ask that we remember to pray for this consecrated group who have so faithfully answered the call "Come over into Macedonia and help us" and have nobly followed the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."



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WEST INDIES CONVENTIONS

The following is a letter from Brother A. W. Brummett, Superintendent of the West Indies:

"You will be pleased to hear that our conventions in the West Indies have been a great success for God and His Church.

"In **Trinidad**, there were many souls that came to God and were blessed: A number were healed of various diseases and I feel that there is a great future for the Church of God in Trinidad.

"In **Barbados** the convention was good, as it always is. Brother Luke Summers, the Island Overseer, is on the job working hard. Brother D. C. Boatwright was the evening speaker, Brother Jennings spoke in the afternoon services, and I had the morning services. Many souls came forward seeking God and there was a fine spirit of fellowship among the ministry and laity.

"The **St. Thomas**, Virgin Island Convention was very good with considerably larger crowds in attendance than last year. Brother Bolan is working hard to promote the Church and the building program.

"The convention this year in **Puerto Rico** was held in Ponce and was a great convention. Brother Collazo had everything in hand and a very constructive program set up. A spiritual atmosphere was prevalent, especially, on the last afternoon when the service was dedicated to the youth, and eight received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Their missions offering exceeded \$700.

"In the **Dominican Republic**, we had splendid crowds right from the opening service. The spirituality was high and great fellowship was manifest among the ministers and members. Brother Alton and his people have worked hard throughout the past year and have a progressive program set up for the coming year. Their missions offering was more than \$500.

"The **Haiti** Convention is always a big affair and was held this year in the Port-au-Prince Church with Brother H. B. Ramsey as the evening speaker. It ran for five nights and the building was packed out each night. We counted 48 that received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Brother Heil had a well arranged program and the ministers had good reports. The church membership is nearing nine thousand, and we are confident that this work will move forward rapidly for God.

"Ministers and friends from the States visiting the conventions were Brother D. C. Boatwright, Brother David Pitts, Brother S. E. Jennings and wife, Brother Clell Ray, Brother Wright, Brother Norris, Brother H. B. Ramsey, Brother Cloninger, Brother Cordle, Sister Wade and Brother and Sister James Slay. We were very happy to have these visitors at the conventions."



BROTHER KUTTAB WRITES FROM THE HOLY LAND

Brother and Sister Kuttab and Family

"Catholics in the city of Bethlehem do not like to come to our Mission. They do not like to enter under the sign of the Church of God. They fear the priests. They fear the reports of the neighborhood around us as spies everywhere tell the priests about anybody who dares to attend our services. For this reason we are visiting needy people in their homes.

"Once we were asked to preach the gospel in the home of one Catholic family. The people were so interested in our joyful singing and the good news we brought, that we stayed for two hours and then they wanted us to stay longer. We told them we would stay if they were interested in praying—and they were. They prayed and then we prayed. They asked if we would pray for the lady of the house who was sick with tonsillitis. I turned to the lady and said, 'Do you believe the Lord is able to heal you just now?' After receiving an answer in the affirmative I opened the Bible to James 5:14 and read 'Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.' We knelt and prayed the prayer of faith. The next morning I saw her husband in the market and he told me that she was in good health—no inflammation, no fever—Glory to God! He invited us back the following Thursday, and when we arrived, the house was already filled with people. This man and his wife are now believers and are testifying in the town of the power of God to save, heal and baptize with the Holy Ghost. Please pray for these people that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and His wonderful Book which heretofore was closed to them."

NEW BIBLE SCHOOLS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED

We have listed below the new schools which have opened just recently; however, there are many more in India, Africa, Japan, Haiti, the Latin American countries and other countries which have been established for some time.

JAMAICA

The Jamaican Bible School is now in full swing with a fine student body.

PUERTO RICO

The school in Puerto Rico opened in February and God is blessing in a great way. All of the students have received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and are enjoying their studies and God's blessings.

BERMUDA

Brother J. L. Goins reports the opening of a Bible School in Bermuda with an enrollment of 48. Brother Goins is past the age of 60, yet his zeal to teach the Word is most abounding and is an example for all at home and abroad.

INDONESIA



This is a picture of the half-finished Bible School in Indonesia. The proposed missionary residence is to go against the open end of the school building. The faculty and students are looking forward with happy anticipation to moving into the new school.

BAHAMAS

Twenty-six students have enrolled in the first term of Bible School in Nassau, Bahamas. They are enjoying a wonderful term and are eagerly receiving the Word.

NIGERIA

The second term of a newly established Bible School in Nigeria began on January 3, 1956. Brother Mooneyham was greatly encouraged at the good results of the first term and is looking forward to even greater results from the next term.

MEXICO CITY

Brother Alejandro Portugal, Overseer of the Mexico City district and head of the Mexico City Church of God Bible School, reports that they had thirty-one boarding students this year and graduated six who are serving in the Lord's vineyard in various capacities. The other twenty-five students are serving God during their school vacation as evangelists and in child evangelism and Sunday School work.

He states that he had eight teachers and the cook who worked for the school without receiving salaries; however, some were helped with their transportation.

Subjects taught are: theology I and II, prophesy I and

II, history I and II, hermeneutics I and II, homiletics I and II, ministerial instruction I and II, Bible atlas geography I and II, personal evangelism, child evangelism, Church of God organization and government, and music.

This type of report holds good for the eleven schools in Africa and elsewhere in the mission fields.

ALASKA

Brother J. H. Davis writes: "At the present time we are in a revival at Anchorage. God is blessing, and souls are being saved. We plan to run a revival in each of our churches this winter as winter time in Alaska is revival time. In the summer people work almost right around the clock.

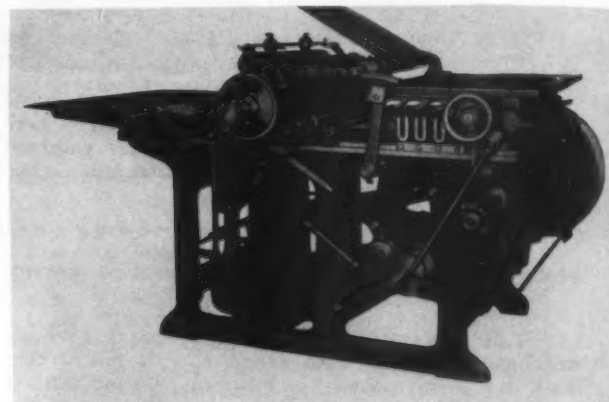
"This is the hardest winter we have had since coming to Alaska. Please pray for us that, during these howling storms and sub-zero temperatures, souls may be brought into the warmth of the love of God."

SIX NEW CHURCHES IN HONDURAS

The Latin American Superintendent, V. D. Hargrave, writes:

"I am very happy to inform you that Brother Josue Rubio has just organized six new churches and there are 126 members. Furthermore, he had 246 people in his Sunday School in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, the last Sunday in 1955.

POSPISIL AND THE PRESS



This is India's new printing press purchased by the Riverside Church of God at Bolton, Georgia, Brother G. R. Watson, pastor.

This fine new press, a top cylinder, standard type press, will take paper 18 by 24 inches and will be just what they need for their *Evangel*. Brother Pospisil states that the press, paper cutter, types, cases and so forth will cost about \$2,000. Now the gospel will go forth on the printed page in India as never before. No doubt, as the Lord provides, they will enlarge their equipment.

Brother Pospisil has just advised us that he has located some used printing equipment which will make the printing plant almost complete.

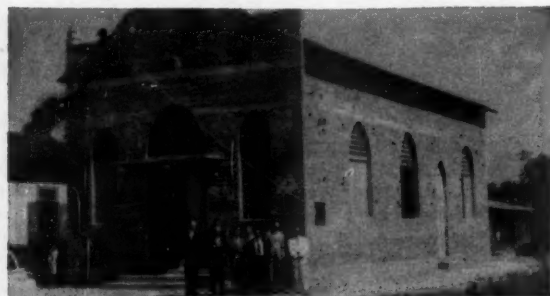
Brother G. R. Watson and his fine church who have always been mission-minded, are certainly to be congratulated for this excellent piece of work. God bless them.



Church building in Sao Paulo, Brazil's Chicago, a city of some 3,000,000 people. This is the only congregation we have there. The building was built entirely with national funds and is in good condition.



Our temporary church in Tres Ranchos, state of Golas. The lady and her son between Sister Paulsen and Charlotte live in the building, which belongs to the Church, and services are held in the front room.



Our only property in the Federal District (comparable to the District of Columbia in the States) here in Rio de Janeiro. The ministers in front are gathered for convention services which were the first held in the new building.



The interior of the same building. This picture was taken during one of the business sessions of our last convention. Assistant Superintendent J. H. Walker, Jr. is seated at the table where he helped moderate the sessions.

WORKERS AMONG THE BANTU PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA

I felt the reader would appreciate knowing that among the Bantu people in South Africa, the Church of God has thirteen supervisors and eighty-four leading natives which do not include many others who have no particular official position but are only certified or non-certified ministers. This represents our group south of the Tropic of Capricorn.

Two were saved and the altar was filled with seekers. "At prayer meeting, one lady was gloriously healed who had had Bright's disease and the doctor had informed her that she would probably have to have one kidney removed."

Brother Fred R. Litton Writes From Agana, GUAM:

"We are happy to report that we had a special business meeting December 23, 1955, and the congregation of the Full Gospel Bible Church voted, one hundred per cent, to affiliate with the Church of God. Their holdings and assets amount to \$1,100, plus a piano and twenty-one benches.

"The property in which we are now worshipping is for sale; however, we do not have enough money for a down payment.

"We had a most wonderful service last Sunday night.



BARBADOS

A baptismal service in Barbados. Over 400 were baptized in less than a year.

A GLIMPSE INSIDE BROTHER SCHUTTE'S WORK IN SOUTH AFRICA

A report of the progress of our work in South Africa under Superintendent F. J. Schutte shows that from April to November 1, 1955, there were 396 converted, 384 baptized in water, 540 taken into the church, 25 received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and 97 children were dedicated to God. Also, two more churches just opened in the Eastern Transvaal area.

An outstanding miracle was wrought when the son-in-law of the King of Swaziland was converted and baptized in the Holy Spirit.

This report shows a magnificent moving forward for God in behalf of these hungry people.

NEW CHURCH IN LIMON, COSTA RICA



Brother Noel H. DeSousa, Overseer of Costa Rica, sent the above picture of the new church recently dedicated in Limon, Costa Rica. Brother DeSousa writes:

"Three months ago in Limon, there lived a young man called 'The Human Wolf.' He was a very desperate character, a wicked young man, but the Lord got hold of him in a Church of God revival and a month after his conversion I baptized him in water. Two months after this, he was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. The pastor, Brother Rodrigo Granados, did not have his baptism; but on Sunday, December 18, while I was conducting a revival, he was wonderfully baptized with the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah! The spiritual tide in Limon is very high and any evangelist going in there now could take over the city for God.

"I can say with all pleasure and satisfaction that the building just finished in Limon is one of the prettiest churches in Central America. The Church of God moves forward in Costa Rica."

CUBA

Brother Gilbert Scotti established a work in Trinidad, Cuba, returned to the states and united with the Church of God. He is giving full time to evangelistic work under the overseership of Brother Ralph Williams of California. Recently he returned to Cuba for the express purpose of bringing his work into the Church and he writes as follows:

"Enclosed you will find the papers on the amalgamation of the Trinidad, Cuba, Church and the ministers. We received into the Church 120 members, 3 missionaries and Church property."

April 9, 1956

THESE VETERANS RETIRE



Brother and Sister H. S. Syverson, who are eligible for retirement and who followed the Lord in going to Central America where their work bespeaks unselfishness, are now back in the U.S.A. Though retired, in a sense, they are still possessed with a burden for missions and you will find them working in this behalf until the Lord says it is enough. They leave in the land of their calling, mostly to their credit, thirty-six churches, four hundred members, forty to fifty preachers, many workers, a Bible school and between \$75,000 and \$100,000 in property value—this for sixteen years of work.

Never have I seen more weeping than when Brother Syverson bade the people farewell. Brother O'Neill McCullough was appointed as Brother Syverson's successor and was well received by the ministers and members at El Salvador's General Assembly.

NEW CHURCH UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN ANGOLA, AFRICA



Brother Joaquim Martins of Vista Alegre, Angola, who has been working faithfully with Sister Stark for some years, contributed the above picture of the construction of their new church in Vista Alegre. The church, as it stands, is to be credited to the Edmond Stark Sunday School class at East Chattanooga who made a liberal contribution to bring the property thus far in construction. With the help of the Lord, we are sure that Brother Martins will finally see this church completed. It is 65 feet long and 32 feet wide and will provide a permanent place for the nationals of Vista Alegre to worship.



Reports, promotional ideas, and human interest stories giving emphasis in
in behalf of foreign missions, are sincerely solicited.

FROM THE STATE OVERSEERS

NEW MEXICO

Churches Leading in Missions Offerings

1. The Clovis Church—Pastor R. H. Dance, led the state in the largest offering, \$348.94. The Clovis Church, with a membership of 29, has received five of the six prizes that have been given as awards for the largest missions offering.
2. The Church in Roswell—Pastor R. R. Seyda, was second with an offering of \$333.19.
3. The Lovington Church, with eighteen members—Pastor A. F. Cullon, followed in third place, raising \$285.66 for missions.—Brady Dennis, State Overseer

IOWA

Churches Leading in Missions Offerings

1. Jefferson _____ \$787.16
Pastor N. A. Jordan—membership 63
2. Davenport _____ 370.00
Pastor B. W. Garrett—membership 32
3. Knoxville _____ 363.00
Pastor J. H. Freeman—membership 60

A widow who takes in washings made a pledge, but, when the time for the missions offering came, she did not have the amount pledged. Nevertheless, she would not be defeated; she borrowed the money to pay her pledge. God has blessed her! The Ladies' Willing Workers' Band in Centerville tithed its money and gave it to missions.

Worthy of mention is the Cincinnati Church which, with a membership of only 17, raised \$320.00.—J. L. McCoy, State Overseer

WEST VIRGINIA

Churches Leading in Missions Offerings

The churches in this state were divided into three groups according to membership, and a token of appreciation was offered to the leading church of each group making the greatest gain a member for foreign missions.

1. The Church of God in Huntington was the winner in the first group, raising an amount to surpass all others. Their pastor, Brother Jennings, is a great man of God with a foreign missions vision.

2. The Conklingtown Church, with pastor A. J. Gardner, were the leaders of group number two. Brother Gardner and his members have a great determination to reach the unreached with the gospel.

3. One hundred per cent gain in missions offerings over the previous year brought the Church at Prince to the top of the list in the third group. Sister Pack, pastor, and her twenty-one members are to be congratulated for their excellent work in behalf of missions.

In a foreign missions service at the Church of God in White Sulphur Springs, Brother E. H. Bragg, pastor, a noble contribution was made. Brother and Sister John Harless who some years ago, had felt a call to work for God on the mission field were present in the service. Having never been able to fulfill their desires, Brother and Sister Harless still felt the urge to make a contribution. For some months they had been supporting two native workers. However, in this particular service God spoke to their hearts and in response they gave \$300 in

cash to build a church on the mission field, in addition to continuing to support native workers. At this writing, their memorial church is under construction and is almost completed.

A Mission Club project is being sponsored by the youth of our state and it is proving to be very valuable to our churches in helping to raise missions money.

Brother Paul T. Nance is visiting each church with the missions message, which is the need of the hour. In this way the missions program is put before our people.

Our state goal for missions this year is \$25,000. Pray for us that we will be able to exceed our goal.—G. C. Hamby, State Overseer

COLORADO

Churches Leading in Missions Offerings

1. Grand Junction Church _____ \$391.00
2. Lankford _____ 314.58
Pastor R. T. Lankford
3. LaJunta _____ 192.00
Pastor D. E. Fisher

This was an outstanding offering as this church has only eight members.—A. G. Thompson, State Overseer

ARIZONA

Churches Leading in Missions Offerings

1. 44th Street Church _____ \$992.00
Pastor H. L. Diffie—Membership 147
2. South Phoenix Church _____ 937.00
Pastor C. C. Rains—Membership 89

The greater portion of this offering was raised by the Y.P.E. which held a special missions service one Saturday night out of each month and received a missions offering.

3. Mesa Church _____ \$238.00
Pastor R. O. Acridge—Membership 95

—C. W. Collins, State Overseer

MARYLAND, DELAWARE, AND D. C.

Churches Leading in Missions Offerings

1. Milford, Delaware _____ \$1,240.58
Pastor W. E. Tull—Membership 119
2. Brooklyn Church, Baltimore, Md. _____ \$833.50
Pastor J. D. McIver—Membership 90
3. Crisfield, Maryland _____ \$832.00
Pastor H. M. Hunt—Membership 203

—W. C. Byrd, State Overseer

WASHINGTON AND OREGON

Churches Leading in Missions Offerings

1. Portland, Oregon—Pastor Eric Wilson.
2. Hermiston, Oregon—Pastor M. E. Rundell.
3. Silverton, Oregon—Pastor B. F. Sherbahn.

An outstanding missionary event of the year was the missions service held on the Scatter Creek District, over which Brother I. J. Cruce is the district pastor. I felt impressed to give the entire evening offering to the Hilo, Hawaii, Church of God which was under construction at that time. I put the need before the people and never in my entire ministry have I ever seen people respond any better than they did that night. We raised almost \$400 in just a few minutes. I know of several instances in that service when fathers and mothers gave their last dollars, but the presence of God was so real that night that every one was richly

repaid even before leaving the service.—D. G. Homner, State Overseer

MONTANA

Churches Leading in Missions Offerings

1. Big Timber—Pastor J. G. Sealey
2. Lewistown—Pastor Wesley Snyder
3. Bozeman—Pastor James N. Layne
—A. E. Erickson, State Overseer

ALABAMA

Churches Leading in Missions Offerings

1. Alabama City _____ \$1,063.65
Pastor A. V. Beaube
2. Crichton (Mobile) _____ \$ 677.25
Pastor L. W. McIntyre
3. Montgomery _____ \$ 612.56
Pastor Carl Green

However, on a per capita basis, the leading three are:

1. Rabun _____ \$136.00 \$12.36 a member
Pastor David Davis
2. Oakdale _____ \$532.75 \$ 7.83 a member
Pastor L. J. Weeks
3. Pell City _____ \$305.00 \$ 6.10 a member
Pastor W. E. Hodo

—J. L. Byrd, State Overseer

TEXAS

Churches Leading in Missions Offerings

1. Fort Worth _____ \$1,430.39
Pastor M. G. Swart
2. Graham _____ \$ 1,146.33
Pastor Ray T. Hill
3. Houston _____ \$1,040.14
Pastor W. H. Henry

It is wonderful to recall how God moved upon different individuals to give. A farmer told me he promised the Lord he would give more for missions than ever before if God would give him a good crop. As he gave his offering, he testified that God had given him a wonderful crop. This caused others to join in and give more wholeheartedly than before.

In a convention one of our ministers, who did not even have a dollar to give in the offering, heard the Holy Spirit say "pledge \$50. and you can pay it." He pledged that amount of money and gave his testimony. The hearts of the people were touched and many gave who would not have given, otherwise.

This year to augment our district convention offerings for missions at home and abroad we gave our young people opportunity to raise offerings in their district rallies under the leadership of their youth directors. The district overseers looked after the offerings for missions at the district fellowship meetings each month. These are two means of not only keeping missions before the people, but also of raising money for missions.

I am sure I speak the sentiment of every minister, member, and friend throughout Texas when I say that the interest in, the concern for, and the liberality of giving to missions is growing year by year in Texas. The Missions Department can depend upon Texas for continued and greater support in the task of spreading the gospel throughout the world.—J. D. Bright, State Overseer

NEW ENGLAND STATES

Churches Leading in Missions Offerings

1. Unionville, Maine—Pastor Floyd Flynn exceeded the regular missions quota by \$125—Membership 7.
2. Augusta, Maine—Pastor W. T. Johnson exceeded the regular missions quota by \$125.
3. Lincoln Center, Maine—Pastor J. T. Murray exceeded the regular missions quota by \$75. On February 18 and 19, 1955, Brother Wade H. Horton attended our prayer conference which was a great success in spite of the fact that we had a snow storm which brought about two feet of snow. The missions offering was about \$100. This mission spirit was climaxed in the last week of July on the closing day of our New England States' camp meeting when all previous records were broken by a missions offering of \$3,056.20.—V. D. Combs, State Overseer

MICHIGAN

Churches Leading in Missions Offerings

1. Detroit Tabernacle—\$3,060.00
Pastor L. L. Turner
2. Ferndale—\$2,120.29
Pastor R. F. Koshewitz
3. Wyandotte—\$1,360.00
Pastor E. E. Winters

Brother Johnnie Owens was with us for fourteen days and during this time he raised over \$9,700 in cash and pledges for missions. Also, Brother John Fourie visited several of the churches raising missions offerings. These two events were the highlights of missions for our state.—C. R. Spain, State Overseer

MISSISSIPPI

Churches Leading in Missions Offering

1. Jackson—Pastor M. H. Kennedy—\$1,096.12
In addition to this, the Jackson Church sent \$350 to British Honduras to build a church building.
2. Walton Chapel—Pastor Lillian Busby—\$155.62

The Walton Chapel also sent Margaret Gaines, in Tunisia, \$56.55, and sent 246 lbs. of used clothing to British Honduras.

3. Rome—Pastor J. E. Williams—\$206.41

There is still a fine mission spirit prevailing at Rome.

I have used a method for several years in raising foreign missions money by giving a week's salary to foreign missions and urging other ministers and members to do the same. I have used this method as a pastor and overseer and have always had good results.—H. T. Statum, State Overseer

KENTUCKY

Churches Leading in Missions Offerings

1. Highland Park Church, Louisville—Pastor

James T. Pitts.

On a certain Sunday last year, Pastor Pitts felt impressed to give his congregation the opportunity to contribute to foreign missions. This was unknown to the Church beforehand, but when the final contribution was made, over one thousand dollars had been given for the cause of missions.

This Church also raised money for individual projects such as the purchase of a horse, and the support of nationals in a mission school. Brother Pitts, after returning from a visit to the missions field, made several tours across the state, preaching and promoting missions.

2. Somerset—Pastor Carl Cox.

In this Church a Sunday School class of small boys raised a special missions offering to pay the tuition for a native to attend one of our schools in India. Another class contributed enough money to buy a bicycle for a national to ride to his appointments to preach the gospel. Another Sunday School class sold hamburgers, hot dogs, and pastries to help support the missions cause in general. Several members of this congregation bought horses for nationals to ride to preach the gospel. All these methods were contributing factors which enabled them to excel in missions.

3. Newport—Pastor Carl Horn.

Sister Horn works untiringly with the ladies' groups making needlework items, having suppers, making candy, and so forth to raise money for missions. This has inspired many members of the congregation who now have a real missions zeal. A Sunday School class also caught the vision and contributed money to sponsor several nationals in our missions school.

One of our pastors and his wife, Brother and Sister Hunter Heltsley, have accepted the responsibility of making monthly contributions to pay the salary of one of our national missionaries. This couple does not have a very strong church and their salary is very limited, but they feel the burden for missions work.

Brother J. P. Morgan, pastor of the Dreesen Church, reports that one young girl, during the missions drive, wanted to contribute to this cause and pledged herself to raise several dollars by saving her lunch money, collecting buffalo nickels, and selling whatever was available for her to sell. When the final count was made, she had raised twenty-two dollars in only a few days.—O. M. Phillips, State Overseer

GEORGIA

Churches Leading in Missions Offerings

1. Macon—\$980.63
Pastor W. E. Wright
2. Atlanta, Hemphill—\$950.00
Pastor Earl P. Faulk, Jr.

3. Augusta, Crawford Ave.—\$800.00
Pastor Paul T. Stover

The Riverside Church in Atlanta contributed the largest amount for specified projects on the different mission fields.—D. C. Boatwright, State Overseer

The Georgia state overseer advised, while in the General Missions Office, that Georgia had lead the States in foreign missions for the past three years and all bids fair for it to do it again in 1956.

MISSOURI

Churches Leading in Missions Offerings

1. St. Joseph, North—\$1,055—50 members
2. St. Louis, Grand Avenue—\$592.40—170 members

At the Caruthersville District Convention, Exodus 4:2 "And the Lord said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod." was the Scripture for the missions service and God moved mightily upon the congregation. A liberal floor offering of \$74 was received. After the message a consecration service was held, and many young people as well as older people dedicated themselves to the missions cause.

While many were praying around the altar, Sister Price, an elderly lady, came to Brother Ellis and told him that she did not have much money to give, but she did have a treasured Thompson Chain Reference Bible that she wanted to give. Her desire was that it should go to some worthy minister on the missions field because her old Bible would last as long as she would need one.

A short time after the District Convention Sister Price died, but just before, she requested that all of her clothes be packed and sent to the missions field.

Sister Price's stirring dedication to the mission cause was told in each of the remaining seven district conventions, and her Bible was used to receive the floor missions offerings. It is certain her testimony and Bible played a great part in helping Missouri raise the greatest missions offering in its history.

In June of last year, Brother Ellis made a tour of our West Indies mission field. While there, he met a young native missionary who was greatly in need of a Bible. It was to this young minister that he gave this precious Bible that had already done so much for the missions cause, but was destined to perform even a greater service.—B. E. Ellis, State Overseer

WISCONSIN

Churches Leading in Missions Offerings

1. Kenosha—Pastor Mrs. Evelyn Zingmark
2. Green Bay—Pastor Curtis Matheny
3. Prairie du Chien—at that time unorganized—Pastor Terry Sellers.

—E. D. Moore, State Overseer

CHURCH OF GOD HEADQUARTERS IN HAITI

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began to look bright because of this franchise. However, all was not smooth in this process. It was nearly six months before the House of Deputies, the Senate, and ministers finally got around to passing and signing the document. Publications of the article in the *Government Journal* made it a national law and we were once more happy that the Lord was working things to our favor and for His glory.

It took nearly six months to build the first building. We were waiting on some of the ordered items to arrive, thus the delay. Thousands of dollars were saved as a result of ordering all these materials directly. Materials came from all parts of the world. Cement came from Venezuela and Dominican Republic, steel from Germany; doors from Belgium, windows from Australia other items from Holland, Dutch Guiana, U. S. A. and other countries.

The Chapel, Bible School and office buildings are adjoining one another. They are separated only by a

gallery which is connected by a roof which will keep one out of wet weather at all times. The dormitory, kitchen, and dining hall are connected by a covered gallery, thereby providing access in all kinds of weather. Each residence is on a separate plateau giving a clear view of the surrounding territory. The value of the property is estimated to be above \$85,000.

The school can accommodate a good-sized student body and will provide a trained ministry sorely needed in this country. Haiti has now what it has needed for so long. Time alone will tell how many ministers will leave after their three-year course to go to the cities, towns and villages, or mountainous interior sections, populated with hundreds and thousands of people. Four million people live in a land the area of which is no larger than the State of Vermont.

Pray with us that these buildings will be truly dedicated to God and that native preachers will be so saturated with the oil of gladness that they will become firebrands as they leave this place to go to minister unto a nation whose fields are already white unto harvest.

Camp Meeting and Convention Schedule for Foreign Missions Deputational Men

J. M. OWENS

State	Date
Iowa	June 21-22
Illinois	June 23-24
Arkansas	July 3-4
Indiana	July 13-14

V. D. HARGRAVE

State	Date
Kentucky	June 15-16
Ohio	June 17
Florida	June 19-21

A. W. BRUMMETT

State	Date
Georgia	June 23-24
W. Virginia	June 28-29
Virginia	June 30
Pennsylvania	July 1-5
S. Carolina	July 7-8

J. A. CROSS

State	Date
Minnesota	June 7-10
New Jersey	July 5-8

WAYNE HEIL

State	Date
Kansas	June 19-24

H. D. WILLIAMS

State	Date
Spanish	June 21-23

EARL P. PAULK, SR.

State	Date
Michigan	June 25-30

PAUL H. WALKER

State	Date
Texas	June 5-7
Idaho	June 11-17
California	June 19-24
Oregon	July 9-15
Montana	July 14-15
Western Canada	July 21-22

WADE H. HORTON

State	Date
Arizona	June 15-16
Tennessee	June 23-24
Oklahoma	June 29-July 1
Alabama	July 7-8
New York	July 9-15
Maryland	July 21-22
New England	July 28-29

WALTER LAUSTER

State	Date
Colorado-Utah	June 16-17
North & South Dakota	June 19-24
Missouri	July 9-12
New Mexico	July 14-16
N. Carolina	July 7-8

ODINE MORSE

State	Date
Nebraska	June 14-16
Mississippi	June 22-23

CHARLES W. CONN

State	Date
Wisconsin	July 6-8

H. R. MOREHEAD

State	Date
Central Canada	June 4-10

J. H. WALKER, JR.

State	Date
Louisiana	June 13-15

THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF AN EMERGENCY SHOULD ARISE.